

**TOWN OF POMFRET  
BOARD OF FINANCE  
MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 8, 2006 AT 7:00 PM  
POMFRET TOWN HALL**

In Attendance: Board Members-M. Nicholson, P. Mann, T. Emilio, J. DiIorio, M. Huoppi, C. Gerrity. First Selectman J. Rivers, Selectman D. Patenaude, Richard Schad BOE Chair, L. Mager Superintendent of Schools, Ford Fay citizen

- I. Open Meeting** – Meeting opened at 7:00 PM by M. Nicholson
  - a.** Approve Minutes, Meetings of April 10 and April 18, 2006 – C. Gerrity had some written suggestions for changes that she submitted to clerk. J.DiIorio made a motion to approve the minutes of April 10 and April 18 as amended. M. Huoppi seconded. All in favor.
  - b.** Items to Add to Agenda – None. M. Nicholson requested that Resolution of Budget be moved to Unfinished Business.
  - c.** Citizen’s Participation – None
  
- II. Unfinished Business**
  - a.** Resolution of Budget – R. Schad stated that the BOE has cut their proposed budget by \$100,000.00 as requested. This reflects a change of \$58,300.00 after the special appropriation they are asking for. Discussion. J. Rivers reviewed some changes made to the General Government budget. The changes are a wash to the bottom line. Discussion. P. Mann stated that \$177,000.00 needs to be cut in order to get the tax impact down to one mil. He suggested using the \$100,000.00 that is currently in the School Expansion Fund, \$30,000.00 that appears to be extra from this year, and reducing the Selectman’s budget. J. DiIorio and C. Gerrity felt using money in the School Expansion Fund would be a mistake. T. Emilio had some concerns using the full amount of money in the School Expansion fund. He felt some cuts could be made in the Selectman’s budget and that the Board should consider using the money that would be available from the Anthem Demutualization. Discussion. M. Nicholson stated the School Expansion was a designated fund and there was no ongoing project. She had no problem with using that money. Discussion. M. Huoppi stated she understood the school needs but that money was not currently being used and could be redesignated at a later time. The Anthem money will go back in, that money could be used now. Margie Huoppi made a motion to reduce budget by \$100,000.00 from the School Expansion Fund, use the \$59,551 from the Anthem demutualization money, and \$15,000.00 from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund. P. Mann seconded. Discussion – P. Mann would like to amend the motion to show a \$20,000.00 cut from the Selectman’s budget. Discussion. P. Mann withdrew his second and made a motion to undesignate the School Expansion Fund. Margie Huoppi seconded. Four in favor – M.

Nicholson, P. Mann, T. Emilio, M. Huoppi. Two opposed – J. DiIorio, C. Gerrity. Motion passes. The Board returned to Margie’s motion on the table. This motion would equate to a tax increase of 1.01 mil. Four in favor – M. Nicholson, P. Mann, C. Gerrity, M. Huoppi. Two opposed – T. Emilio, J. DiIorio. Motion passes.

P. Mann made a motion to cut the Selectman’s budget by \$20,000.00. Seconded by Tony Emilio. Two in favor-P.Mann, T. Emilio. Four opposed-M. Nicholson, J.DiIorio, C. Gerrity, M. Huoppi. Motion fails. Carolyn Gerrity made a motion to appropriate \$7,869,581.00 for the Board of Education budget and \$2,358,743 for the Board of Selectman’s Budget. Seconded by Margie Huoppi. Four in favor-M. Nicholson, P. Mann, M. Huoppi, C. Gerrity. Two opposed-T. Emilio, J. DiIorio. Motion passes.

**III. Current Business**

- a. Treasurer’s Report – None
- b. Tax Collector’s Report – None
- c. Assessor’s Report – None
- d. Board of Selectman’s Report – None
- e. Board of Education Report – None

**IV. Other Business**

- a. Approval of Special Appropriation Request from Board of Education – Richard Schad stated that the BOE originally was in need of \$125,000.00 They have gotten that amount down to \$47,000.00 They should need no additional money before the end of the school year, but if money is left over it will be returned to the town. Carolyn Gerrity made a motion to approve the supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$47,000 to the Board of Education. John DiIorio seconded. All in favor. M. Nicholson stated the appropriation will be on the call for the Town Meeting. M. Nicholson stated that the May 16<sup>th</sup> Workshop meeting will be cancelled. A meeting will be set after the Town Meeting in order to set the mil rate.

**V. New Business – None**

**VI. Correspondence – None**

**VII. Citizen’s Participation – None**

**VIII. Adjournment – Tony Emilio made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Peter Mann. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Ryan, clerk

Date approved\_\_\_\_\_